Illegal Radio Stations in Orissa

1280. SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
DR.T. SUBBARAMI REDDY:

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether a numoer of illegal radio stations have been unearthed in the State of Orissa;

(b) if so, whether police have identified Banipal, Jambu and Batighar villages in Kendrapara district and Harishpur and Kainthakola near Dhamra in Bhadrak distcnct from where programmes in Oriya and Bengali were being broadcast within a redius of five to ten Kms.;

(c) where these broadcasts were made very close to the Wheeler Group of Islands where a very sensitive defence installation is located; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) According to the Ministry of Home Affairs, there are some reports indicating operation of some radio stations in kendrapara district of Orissa transmitting locally prepared entertainment programmes. Ministry of Communications (WPC) and Government of Orissa have been requested by the Ministry of Home Affairs to take necessary action in the matter.

Insofar as Bhadrak district is concerned, the information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decision of FDI in print media

1281. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently decided about Foreign Direct Investment in the print media;

(b) if so, the details thereof;